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happen that made me disagree with what his bill said, that's one thing, but if things happen that might make me want to use his bill to give a message, I'm not going to do that because I had already told him. And I think Senator Cudaback and everybody else knows how I feel about the way judges are not disciplined. I think Senator Cudaback may have had some concerns about what I might do against his bill for that very reason. And we talked about it and I gave him assurances. Senator Brashear, who is not here now, had a proposed constitutional amendment to allow the Supreme Court judges to get a raise when their underlings got a raise, I told him that I might use the bill to make some comments on. But despite my grievances against the system that will not discipline judges, and I read to you all some of the terrible things these judges have done, I will not try to stop this constitutional amendment. It perhaps is only appropriate that when we grant a judicial salary increase, all of them get it. So I let that alone. I overcame my personal feelings toward judges to the extent where I wouldn't make Senator Cudaback's bill suffer or Senator Brashear's constitutional amendment suffer. But if I had become convinced that an additional district judge was not needed, I would have said that on the floor and we would have hashed it out, and either I would have...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...persuaded the Legislature to go my way, or I wouldn't have and the bill would have met whatever fate the Legislature decided to give it. But today we're talking about a deal, and a deal is a deal is a deal. Monty Hall used to call people, you want to make a deal? Well, come on down. You got a dollar in your pocket? You put the dollar out and Monty Hall would make a deal with you. But you knew that there was more to the deal than you just producing the dollar, there was something you're going to have to do, but the dollar bought you the opportunity to enter the deal. But if you kept your side of the deal up, then they delivered on their side. That's what we're talking about.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On the Jensen amendment to LB 1023, Senator Hudkins.